City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 143.

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Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve Subject to Conditions deleting Condition 7 and amending Condition 1 as read for the record:

1. This Special Use Permit shall be reviewed in three (3) years at which time the City Council may require the Off-Premise Advertising (Billboard) sign be removed. The applicant shall be responsible for notification costs of the review. Failure to pay the City for these costs may result in a requirement that the Off-Premise Advertising (Billboard) Sign is removed.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0 RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None) City of Las Vegas Agenda Item No.: 143.

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Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

ATTORNEY STEPHANIE ALLEN, 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, appeared on behalf of the applicant. She described the site, showing diagrams, and pointed out the subject area is highly intense and industrial. There have been no substantial changes since the last review. She confirmed that final inspections have been completed, and the letter was submitted to the Building Department.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, questioned what could be done to enhance the general ambience and aesthetics of this area. COUNCILMAN REESE answered that Phase 2 of the Allure Towers will be built. MR. McGOWAN declared that the City, itself, needs assistance, as there are other issues occurring aside from billboards.

COUNCILMAN REESE was informed by ATTORNEY ALLEN that the billboard was acquired by the applicant after the approval in 1995. As a result, it is difficult to obtain records of a permit, but the applicant did obtain a letter from a licensed engineer, as required in Condition 7.

COUNCILMAN REESE thought it was inappropriate to require from the applicant a final building permit on a billboard that has been up since 1995. The Councilman has met with MR. FINK from the Allure project, who was not aware of the billboard's existence. Although the billboard is close to Industrial Road, he was unsure if the billboard would have an impact on this project. He would consider an abeyance if he felt the ordinance would impact the outcome of this billboard. He requested a review within three years or sooner, if issues arise. ATTORNEY ALLEN concurred with the review period.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, clarified that Condition 1 would be amended to reflect a three-year review and Condition 7 would be deleted, as the applicant has provided the engineering report.

After the vote, COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN inquired specifically as to what is the purpose or goal of these engineering reports (i.e. if the billboard is structurally sound). MS. WHEELER responded the requirement is that it has to be to the satisfaction of the Building Department official; if so, the Planning Department takes them as accepted. She referred the Councilwoman to speak with the Building and Safety Department regarding her inquiry.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.